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### **9/11 anniversary message encourages reflection, remembrance**

**JOINT BASE ELMENDORF-RICHARDSON, Alaska** — As we approach the anniversary of 9/11, Brig. Gen. Mike Bridges, acting adjutant general of the Alaska National Guard and acting commissioner of the Department of Military & Veterans Affairs, would like to encourage everyone to reflect on and remember the thousands of innocent lives lost 13 years ago.

"How you choose to observe the 9/11 anniversary is personal, but I encourage you to take a moment at 9:11 a.m. on Thursday to honor the lives taken and pay tribute to the heroic first responders who saved so many on that tragic day," Bridges said. "Show your support to our military members and their families who have served on the home front and on the front lines to keep us safe and strong."

"9/11 is also Patriot Day and National Day of Service and Remembrance. It's an opportunity to display the spirit of unity within our communities and reaffirm our steadfast resolve as a nation to keep moving forward and work for a better future. We will never forget."

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